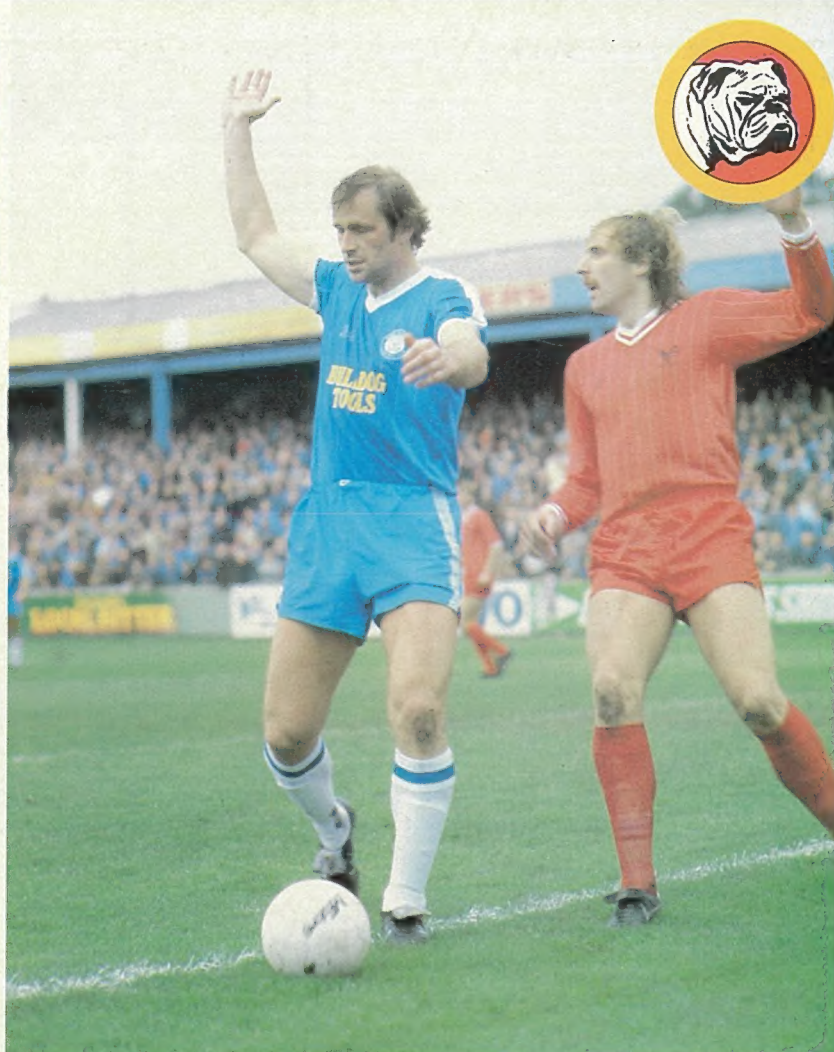


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LARRY



LLOYD

(As Larry Lloyd is having an enforced convalescence at the time of writing this programme, he has asked Harry McNally to write a few words this week).

I was desperately disappointed last week that our supporters had to watch our 5-0 defeat at home to Bristol Rovers. Unlike some people, however, I did not see that result as a disaster because with a team in its development stage as ours is, it is always likely that we will reach the heights of beating top clubs and touch the depths of getting beaten by bottom clubs. Our problem at the moment is inexperience. The Portsmouth journalists after the

excellent performance at Fratton Park in mid-week could not believe that we had five out of twelve players aged 20 or younger — had they been watching last Saturday they would have believed it. I said in the press last week that in our position at the moment, we either need money or patience. As we have no money to spend, we need to be patient. We have some fine young players and seem to have discovered a few more, but finding talented youngsters is just the start of the job. Now we have to start moulding them into a team. Even top clubs who buy their talent cannot guarantee that a good team will immediately result from gathering eleven top class players together. It takes time and hard work, as the likes of Ron Atkinson and Howard Kendall realise.

I appreciate as much as you do how important this club is to its fans and how depressed and annoyed it makes you to see them lose and play badly. That's why football is the greatest game in the world, because it arouses such passion and emotion in its followers. But mark my words, Wigan Athletic is a fine club and is going to grow and develop into a finer one, and one of the main reasons for that is that our fans are not indifferent to what happens to it. I know it's hard, but bear with us and with the youngsters. We have done better this season so far than any of the clubs promoted with us, and that has got to prove something. Regards,

Harry McNally.

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THIRD DIVISION

Round Up

by Harold Ashurst

THE sparks are flying at Lincoln City. The one-time League leaders have hit an alarming slump in recent games, but there is a great deal of behind-the-scenes unrest that has been lingering all season but finally exploded within the last fortnight.

At the start of the season the players threatened to go on strike over a row with the directors about bonuses, but although that was averted, the trouble has still been there.

The directors claim there is no cash at all to sign players, not even on free transfers and morale at the club has been pretty low.

The climax came last week when Chairman Gilbert Blades found his home vandalised and graffiti daubed on his out-house.

There then followed a demonstration by fans at the game with Plymouth, which Lincoln lost 2-1, and although

the Chairman met representatives of the fans, there was no satisfaction.

The culmination of all the trouble, however, came on Sunday when the entire board of directors quit.

The future of Lincoln City is now in doubt.

Bournemouth has snapped up Fulham midfielder John Beck on a free transfer and he went straight into the team that faced Portsmouth last weekend in place of former Southampton defender Ivan Golac.

The Yugoslav was to have signed a new monthly contract at Dean Court but changed his mind at the last minute and is now on the lookout for a new club.

Gillingham have also been active in the transfer market. They have signed striker Peter Foley from Oxford on loan and he also made his debut last weekend, against Cardiff City.

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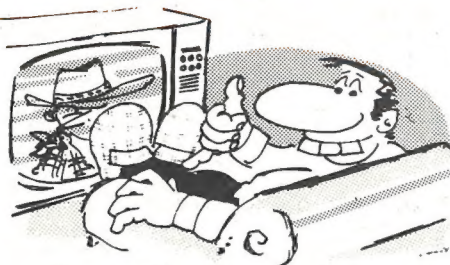
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COMING UP NEXT

Saturday, 12th March, 1983.

NEWPORT COUNTY -v- WIGAN ATHLETIC

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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Tuesday, 15th March, 1983.

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- W. BROMWICH ALBION

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Saturday, 19th March, 1983.

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- ORIENT

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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Sunday, 27th March, 1983

MILLWALL -v- WIGAN ATHLETIC

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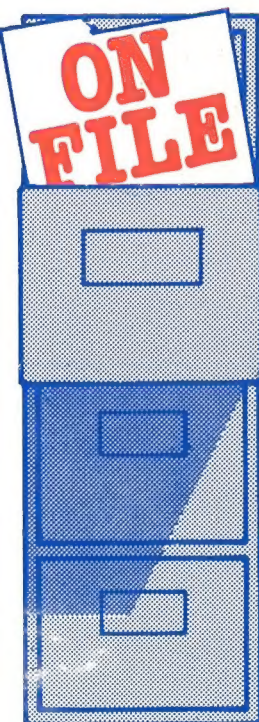
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THE constant presence of rain clouds here on match days has caused one of our supporters, Mr. A. Chiste, to carry out some research in the archives of the Lancashire Library at Preston and he has come up with what he thinks is the answer in the form of an old manuscript written by a seventeenth-century witch entitled, "To Make Ye Rain When None Will Come". It describes a rain-inducing ceremony from "the Old Religion" and reads as follows;

"Find ye a pasture wherein lies a spring of pure water. Gather ye at that place all the people of town and village and hill and dale on the day before the Sabbath. Upon that field draw ye lines of white, lines that are straight and lines that are curved, and at each end of that field build ye caves of wood and fishnet, and around ye field place ye many pennants. And when all is ready and at the fifteenth hour, bring into this pasture many young and strapping men, with some in black to represent ye forces of Satan, and many in blue like the sea to represent ye forces of Good, and others in whatever colours ye happen to have available at ye time. And call upon them all to run and shout at each other, and hop and skip and into their midst throw ye the bladder of a pig that they may rage with it and try to destroy it. When all this is done, or when the Gods see it is to be done, ye rain shall fall like ye cats of the street and ye dogs of the field". So now you know.

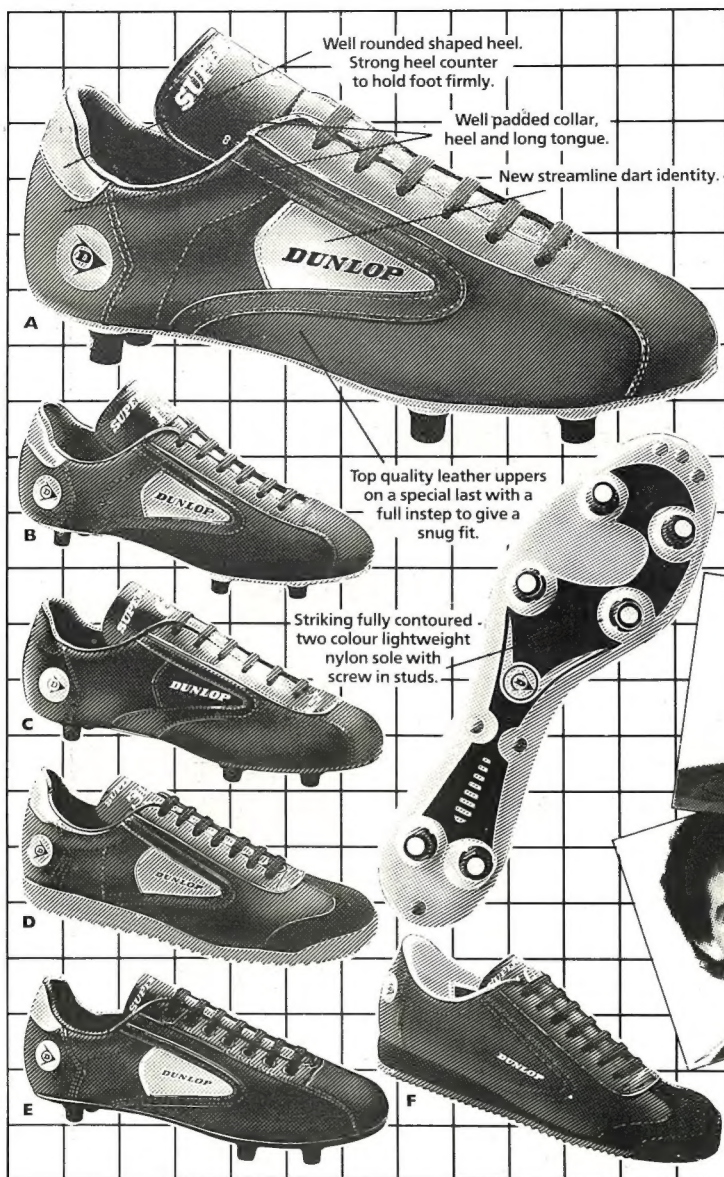
And a sad little story of finish off, one which I am assured is true but perhaps

you have heard it before.

Apparently after the demonstration by supporters outside Manchester City's board room a fortnight ago, one irate supporter stormed up to the locked main door, nailed his season ticket to it and stormed off in a rage. After walking towards home for half an hour, his wrath subsided and he began to remember the good times, and Wembley and Joe Mercer and all the great moments, and so he decided to give the club another chance, after all Peter Swales had done a great job and just because the club was going through a bad patch, loyal supporters couldn't desert them. And so he turned around and walked back to the ground. Imagine then, to his annoyance, when he arrived at the main doors to find, yes, you've guessed it, some thieving swine had stolen the nail.

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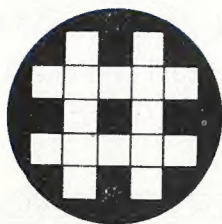
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PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 21

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

Division; Baseball isn't their game!;

--- Ferguson, manager; It often restarts a game

CLUB CLUE No. 21

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a famous foreign club:

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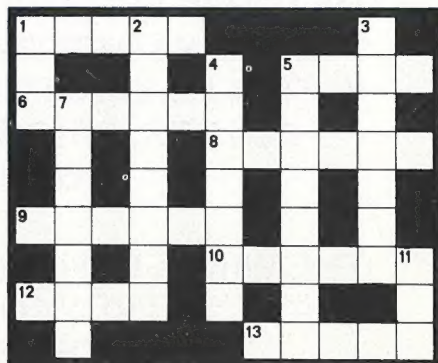
MIXED DOUBLES No. 21

Re-order the letters in each of the words

CAMERA and FARE to find the names of two men called Keith.

QUICK QUIZ No. 21

1. Which club appointed the first professional managing director?
2. They were "The Shunters" . . . but what are they now?
3. Which player-manager transferred himself from Carlisle to Sunderland?
4. Whose previous ground was called The Nest?
5. In which year did England first play Northern Ireland in a full international at Wembley?



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 21 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

1. Colour seen in Sheffield (5)
5. & 8ac. He was given his first managerial role in March 1982 . . . and finished the season with a cup! (4,6)
6. The nickname of David Layne who netted over 100 goals in under 200 games for Rotherham, Swindon, Bradford City and Sheffield Wednesday (6)
8. See 5 across
9. Stapleton, say, has put in many a good one (6)
10. Sponsors of Coventry City . . . hence the club's 'T-shirts' (6)
12. Brentford's nickname (4)
13. The first man past twenty League goals this season — a figure he had netted by Christmas (5)

DOWN

1. The first name of last season's Manager of the Year (3)
2. Gives away a free-kick, say (8)
3. --- Garrido of Portugal is a famous international **7 down** (7)
4. Last season, Phil --- (formerly of Bristol Rovers and Portsmouth) and Lee --- (formerly of Shrewsbury) alternated in the number six shirt for Exeter (7)
5. One of the scorers in the 1982 World Cup final (8)
7. One who, after the game, may give a blow by blow account of his performance? (7)
11. Maradona's number (3)

Answers on page 12.



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THE LOCAL VIEW



BY GEOFF KEMP

THE date and venue of the all-Wigan Amateur League LFA Youth Cup final is still in dispute.

Chorley Youth, winners for the past two years, are understandably keen to have the game played at Chorley — under floodlights if necessary. But their opponents Birchley Youth, while admitting that their own Greenfields pitch is not really suitable for an event of this size, are intent on the final being at a neutral ground.

Their reasons are an understandable reticence to give Chorley home advantage, especially in view of their lack of experience in playing under floodlights, but also the difficulties faced by a large expected crowd travelling from Billinge. Birchley expect to take 200 fans with them and want a venue nearer to home — with Wigan the ideal spot.

The problem will be solved by the Lancashire Football Association, probably within the next few days. In previous years the choice has been a toss-up between the two side's home grounds, but the other factors have

clouded this year's decision so far. If a venue is found in Wigan it would no doubt appease both sides — and also be the ideal site for a showpiece representation of the Wigan Amateur League.

In the League's Laithwaite Shield competition the classic first round game between Premier Division leaders Bethel and second-placed Aspull was finally decided. After their 4-4 draw at the first attempt it was Bethel who finally won through in another keenly-fought contest.

Bethel took an early lead with a goal by Pearson, who slammed home a cross from Carney. In the second half they went further ahead when Carney scored himself, seeing his shot deflected past the 'keeper. In the 67th minute Hindley reduced the arrears for Aspull but despite pushing forward the Aspull side failed to break down the Bethel defence again and Bethel ran out 2-1 winners.

In the only other Laithwaite Shield replay Rose Hill beat Holgate Rangers 5-3.

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SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE PAGE

SOCCER NINETY-NINER No. 21 — Across — 1. black (United), 5 & 8ac. Tony Barton (Aston Villa), 6. Bronco, 8. See 5 across, 9. header, 10. Talbot, 12. Bees, 13. Dixon (for Reading), Down: 1. Bob (Paisley), 2. concedes, 3. Antonio, 4. Roberts, 5. Tardelli, 7. referee, 11. ten, ON THE BALL No. 21 — Three, Derby, Bobby, throw, CLUB CLUE No. 21 — Everton (Chile), MIXED DOUBLES No. 21 — MacRae, Fear, QUICK QUIZ No. 21 — 1. Cardiff City, 2. Robins (Swindon), 3. Ivor Broadis (1949) 4. Norwich City's, 5. 1955.

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John Butler foiled again by the Bristol 'keeper. Photo by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins.

What the papers say...

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

Murder for Wigan

Wigan Athletic 0 Bristol Rovers 5

Wigan crashed to their biggest ever home League defeat as promotion-chasing Bristol Rovers returned to winning ways with a vengeance.

With two successive defeats behind them Rovers boss Bobby Gould made four changes and decided on an all-out attacking policy.

The gamble paid off—thanks to veteran ex-England star Alan Ball who dominated midfield. For Wigan, struggling to hold on to their fast disappearing fans and rocked by the midweek transfer listing of skipper Eamon O'Keefe, the result was a disaster.

With player-manager Larry Lloyd recovering at home following a back operation, Wigan were rarely in with a shout.

Said assistant manager Harry McNally: "We were slaughtered, that was the bare bones of it". For a brief 15-minute spell Wigan looked capable of making a game of it.

Teenager David Lowe, who turned down a move to Chelsea along with other youngsters Steve Walsh and John Butler in midweek, fired just wide.

Then O'Keefe was desperately unlucky, a 20-yard free kick taking a deflection and hitting Bristol 'keeper Phil Kite on the chest.

Paul Randall raced on to a through-ball from Williams and crashed a shot into the net after 25 minutes.

Four minutes later Withey repeated the act and only Wigan defender Colin Methven stood between them and further goals as he cleared one shot off the line and headed another over the bar.

But Rovers kept their grip and five minutes after the break Nick Platnauer hammered the third and Randall grabbed his second.

A brief attacking spell by Wigan lifted their fans hopes and O'Keefe

had a drive stopped by Kite and John Butler fired into the side netting.

But right on time Withey notched Rovers fifth to complete the rout.

THE SUNDAY MIRROR

Wigan crashed to their worst ever home defeat. The only comfort for Latics Manager Larry Lloyd was that he wasn't there to see his side humbled. He is recuperating after a back operation.

Former Stoke player Paul Randall put the skids under Wigan when he crashed the ball into the roof of the net after 25 minutes. Within three minutes he plundered a second. Wigan's best effort came from Eamon O'Keefe, who wants to leave the club. He was unlucky when a fierce drive beat the defensive wall only to bounce off the chest of Phil Kite.

Wigan's hopes evaporated when Nicky Platnauer hit a gem of a goal. He then beat Roy Tunks with an angled shot which Randall helped over the line for the fourth.

In the dying seconds Rovers completed the demolition job as Withey struck again.

WHAT YOU SAY . . .

"They couldn't beat Wigan Boys Club" **Anonymous.**

"Alan Ball must have thought it was his birthday and someone had given him Springfield Park as a present. He

had all the room in the world. Someone should have picked him up. Mind you, better men have tried to stop him playing for years and failed".

J. George, Beech Hill.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY . . .

THE DAILY MAIL

Tunks is Saving Grace for Wigan

Portsmouth 0 Wigan Athletic 0

Roy Tunks rescued Wigan from the brink of defeat with a superb penalty save just five minutes from time.

The Wigan goalkeeper dived to save Colin Sullivan's spot kick brilliantly at the foot of the post after David Glenn had fouled substitute David Thomas.

It was the eighth penalty Portsmouth have missed this season and it was only justice for a revitalised Wigan side.

Larry Lloyd's men looked the kind of team to provide ideal goal fodder following their 5-0 home defeat by Bristol Rovers last weekend, but they

displayed tremendous pride and resolution.

Alan Biley led Pompey with enterprise but not even the ex-Everton striker could find a way then through Wigan's solid defence.

In fact Portsmouth were rarely able to produce even glimpses of the power and precision which had previously reaped a rich harvest of 37 points out of a possible 45.

And Wigan themselves were denied an unlikely victory, when Peter Houghton's shot re-bounded off the crossbar.

THE DAILY STAR

Lloyd's Wigan Booster

Wigan gave player-manager Larry Lloyd a real pick-me-up last night by

holding Division Three leaders Portsmouth.

Lloyd, who has been given the all clear to play again after a back operation missed the valiant display that ended Pompey's run of seven successive victories.

And Latics owe their glory to keeper Roy Tunks, who saved Colin Sullivan's 85th minute penalty.

Tunks threw himself to his left to push out Sullivan's weak spot kick awarded for a foul on former England winger Dave Thomas.

Meanwhile Lloyd was back at Springfield Park yesterday after a fortnight in hospital. He said: "At the moment I'm undergoing physiotherapy treatment and hope to get back into full training in time to play again in April".

WHAT YOU SAY . . .

"A good all round performance. We could have won it and we could have lost it, so a draw was a fair result. Every player played his guts out. If

they keep playing like that they're bound to win matches".

Jack Farrimond.

"Wigan look to be a very good side, far

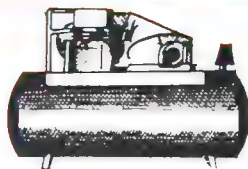
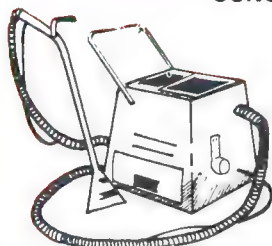
better than some of the teams we've had at Fratton Park.

Michael Hill, Portsmouth fan.

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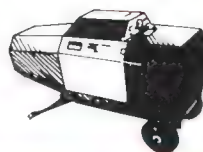
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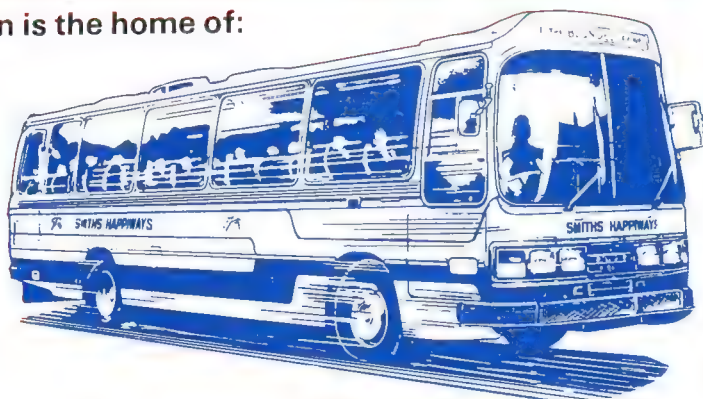


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Back Row (left to right) Kerry Dixon, Martin Hicks (club captain), Michael Barnes, Lawrie Sanchez, Mike Kearney, Steve Wood. **Middle Row:** Stewart Henderson (player/coach), Glenn Hunter (physio), Mark White, Jerry Williams, Gary Heale (now Sparta Rotterdam), Andy Moore, Pat Earles, Roy Bentley (secretary), Maurice Evans (manager). **Front row:** Steve Richardson, Mr. J.H. Brooks (Director), Stuart Beavon, Mr. F.V. Waller (Chairman), Ron Fearon, Mr. L. Davies (Vice-Chairman), Gary Donnellan, Mr. K. Darvall (Director), and Neville John. Photo by courtesy Reading Chronicle.

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been the Third and
Second Divisions. Their ground,
Wigan Park, has a capacity of
25,000. The pitch measures 112

yds. x 77 yds.

They are one of a few clubs in the Football League that wear hooped shirts as their regular colour, namely blue and white hoops. Today they will, of course, play in their second strip of yellow to avoid a clash. They are nicknamed "The Royals".

BRIAN BASON (Midfield) Born Epsom. Has played for Chelsea, Plymouth Argyle and Crystal Palace.

Signed for Reading F.C. on the 12th August, 1982.

STUART BEAVON (Midfield) Born Wolverhampton. Married living in Reading, has one daughter. Transferred from Tottenham Hotspur in July 1980 for a fee of £36,000.

GARY DONNELLAN (Forward) Born London. Apprentice with Chelsea where he played for 2½ years. He then played for Watford for one year and was transferred to Reading in November 1981 for a fee of £5,000.

PAT EARLES (Forward) Born Titchfield, Hants. Married with two sons. An experienced player. His previous service was with Southampton F.C. Transferred to Reading on 12th January, 1977 for £14,000.

STEVE RICHARDSON (Defender) Born Slough. An apprentice with Southampton Football Club where he stayed for four years. He was transferred to Reading in July, 1982.

LAWRIE SANCHEZ (Midfield) Born Lambeth. Made his debut in First Team whilst still at a local school. Signed professional in 1978/79 season. Just obtained a degree in Business Studies after three years at Loughborough College.

JERRY WILLIAMS (Forward) Born Didcot. Joined club as an apprentice and signed as a professional in Season 1977/78.

ALAN JUDGE (Goalkeeper) who is on loan from Luton. Has played in Luton's first team, and been with Reading for three months, due to injuries.

MICHAEL BARNES 19 years of age, Michael is one of their up-and-coming apprentices. Made seven League appearances last season.

MICK DOHERTY Signed from non-League Basingstoke, and cost the club £1,500.

KEN PRICE Signed from Gillingham four weeks ago for £16,000. Ken was top goalscorer for Gillingham last season.

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MONDAY'S MEETING

Hi! With the success of our race-night still ringing in our ears (what a night that was!), we arrive on Monday at our nineteenth meeting, and a more important meeting we've never held. The guest of honour is of course, Eamon O'Keefe, one of the finest strikers in the Football League today. We have a brand new quiz and a little more seriously, the voting continues for our Latics Player of the Season.

Now that is important, as well as announcing details of a brand new pool competition which will be held on Monday evenings between 7.30 and 8.30 p.m. in the Supporters' Club. The competition is for members aged 14 upwards, so boy or girl, if you fancy your chances and would like to win a great prize, either go along to the Soccer Shop at half-time today or come to Monday's meeting.

DISCO DISCO DISCO DISCO

March 13th is the date — 1.00 p.m. is the time for a fantastic two hours of great music, two solid hours of the best in sounds around and don't forget, everyone is welcome, members and non-members alike at our Latics Lunchtime Disco. We have one of Wigan's top D.J.'s lined up for you.

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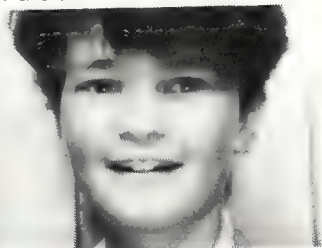
APRIL MEETING

The meeting everyone is waiting for is our Players Night in early April. The guest list that night would do B.B.C. Television "Sports Personality of the Year" presentation proud. The highlight will be the presentations of The Junior Latics Wigan Athletic Player of the Season Award by Elton Welsby. More about that nearer the time.

TODAY'S MASCOT

Our mascot for today is Jane Bootle. Jane is thirteen years of age and attends St. John Fisher School. Her hobbies are netball and swimming. Jane's favourite player is David Glenn. Have a nice day Jane.

John Fillingham, Chairman.



JUNIOR LATICS



Half Time Gossip

THIS year's Lancashire Junior Cup Final between Wigan Amateur League sides Birchley and Chorley will be held at Springfield Park on Wednesday, 20th April — Kick-off time has yet to be announced.

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Latics postponed match away to Plymouth Argyle has been re-arranged for Tuesday, 19th April.

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Ex-Lincoln Chairman, Mr. Gilbert Blades, talking exclusively to Springfield Scene, blames his teams fall from the top on a mid-season break in Majorca in January. "Since then", lamented Mr. Blades, "I don't think we've won a game. It must be the foreign water!"

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Don't be surprised if the two Greenough brothers, Jimmy and Brian, enter management in the near future as a double-act. With Jimmy as Manager and Brian as Player/Coach, they could soon be taking over a League club, "somewhere in the North of England".

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When Larry Lloyd needed some physiotherapy after leaving hospital last weekend, his old manager Brian Clough placed the

facilities of Nottingham Forest at his disposal. Larry is reported to have turned up in a blazer.

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Latics fan Mrs. Karen Pilkington won the "Who's my Daddy" competition on Kick-Off will receive her prize, being photographed with her favourite team, here at Springfield Park before today's game and she will be asked to draw the winner of the Latics Lottery Star Draw whilst she is on the pitch.

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An unusual changeover took place at Fratton Park during the Portsmouth v. Latics match midweek. Referee D.V. Reeves decided for some reason that he was not fit enough to resume in the middle after half time and changed places with one of his linesmen, C. Grady.

★ ★ ★

Small wonder that Lincoln City have mixed feelings about getting promotion to Division II. The promotion bonus set for the small squad to share is £60,000! Sources "in the know" see this as an astronomical amount, more fitted to winning the F.A. Cup.

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Bryan Robson's injury means he's out of the Bob Ward Testimonial on March 15th. His place is to be taken by Ray Wilkins.

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Happy Birthday to Grandad from Arthur Leather of Bryn. 70 on March 8th. From his grandchildren Darran, Craig, Cara and Ross.

Congratulations to Karen and Jimmy on their marriage last Saturday. Sorry you had to miss the match! From the Commercial Department at Springfield Park.

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Happy 14th Birthday to Neil Vora. Have a nice day from Nigel.

2nd Manchester City Programme Fair and Exhibition. Social Club, Maine Road, Sunday, 6th March 1983. 11 am to 3 pm. Day after City v. Utd.

Happy 14th Birthday to Christopher Wright, a keen Latics supporter, for the 9th March. From Mum, Dad and brother Tony at 35 Willow Road, Beech Hill, Wigan.

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Steve Walsh heads goalwards against Bristol Rovers. Photo by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins.



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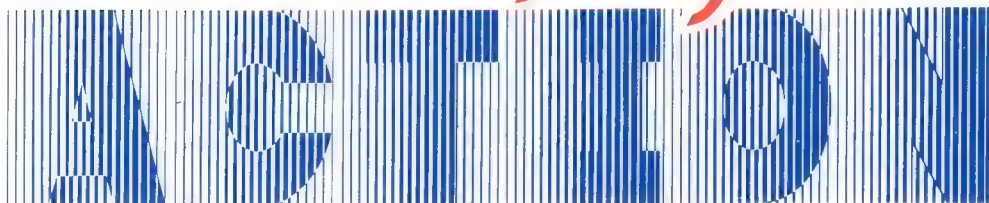
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THE CENTRAL LEAGUE SEASON 1982/3

Date	Team	Result	Goals
28th August 1982	Burnley H	3 - 0	
15th September 1982	Barnsley A	0 - 0	
21st September 1982	Chesterfield A	0 - 0	
28th September 1982	Bradford City H	0 - 2	
12th October 1982	Oldham	1 - 4	
10th November 1982	Derby County H	2 - 1	
17th November 1982	Rotherham United H	0 - 1	
24th November 1982	Nottingham Forest A	1 - 4	
8th December 1982	Port Vale A	0 - 3	
14th December 1982	Barnsley H	1 - 0	
12th January 1983	Preston North End A	1 - 4	
18th January 1983	Notts County A	1 - 3	
25th January 1983	Manchester City H	4 - 0	
22nd February 1983	Oldham Athletic H	2 - 0	
8th March 1983	Notts County H		
15th March 1983	Manchester City A		
23rd March 1983	Sunderland A		
29th March 1983	Nottingham Forest H		
5th April 1983	Rotherham United A		
12th April 1983	Port Vale H		
20th April 1983	Bolton Wanderers A		
26th April 1983	Middlesbrough H		
4th May 1983	Bradford City A		
10th May 1983	Preston North End H		
17th May 1983			
21st May 1983			

The following games have yet to be re-arranged:-

Home
Bolton Wanderers
Sunderland
Chesterfield

Away
Middlesbrough
Derby County

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SPOTLIGHT

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BOB WARD TESTIMONIAL

Bob is holding a prize draw for Bryan Robson's England shirt. This has been autographed and presented by Bryan. Also two Quality First Division footballs autographed by the England squad and by Manchester United, not to mention many other prizes. These will be drawn on 15th March at Bob's testimonial game versus West Bromwich Albion.

ENTERTAINMENT

We are very disappointed at the support given on Concerts over the weekend. If things do not improve, we will have to consider cancelling all concerts. We always have the very best acts in clubland. We all know that times are difficult, but remember, when you support us, you also support the parent club.

Here's hoping to see you soon at your Supporters' Club.

Enjoy today's game.

Chris Coffey, Chairman.

FACTS+FIGURES

Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first

Player scoring bold.
† Player substituted.

35 figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
* In result column indicates opponents own goal.

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1982 Aug. 28	Lincoln City	A	1-2	3,198	Tunks	McMahon	Glen	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithen	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers†	Butler
Aug. 30	Stockport (M.C. 1 leg)	A	1-1	3,418	Tunks	McMahon	Glen	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithen	Langley	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 4	BRENTFORD	H	3-2	5,012	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithen	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 7	BRADFORD CITY	H	3-2	5,362	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithen	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 11	Cardiff C.	A	2-3	3,850	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithen	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 14	STOCKPORT (M.C. 2 leg)	A	6-5	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithen	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 18	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	1-2	4,986	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithen	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 25	Chesterfield	A	0-2	2,825	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithen	Langley	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Grimm†	Butler
Sept. 28	Doncaster Rovers	A	6-3	4,457	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithen	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton?	Grimm†	Butler
Oct. 2	PLYMOUTH A.	H	3-0	5,011	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithen	Langley†	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Grimm†	Glen
Oct. 5	MANCHESTER CITY (M.C. 2, 1 leg)	H	1-1	12,194	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithen	Glen	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Grimm†	Langley
Oct. 9	SOUTHEND U.	A	4-0	4,704	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithen	Glen	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Grimm†	Langley
Oct. 16	Bristol R.	A	0-4	4,439	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithen	Glen	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Grimm†	Langley
Oct. 19	PORTSMOUTH	A	0-1	4,504	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithen	Glen	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Grimm†	Langley
Oct. 23	Reading	A	1-2	2,821	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Lowe	Lloyd†	Meithen	Butler	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Grimm†	Langley
Oct. 27	Manchester City (M.C. 2, 2nd leg)	A	0-2	16,083	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Lowe†	Walsh	Meithen	Glen	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Grimm†	Langley
Oct. 30	NEWPORT C.	H	0-1	4,108	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Lowe†	Walsh	Meithen	Butler	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Grimm†	Langley
Nov. 3	Exeter City	A	1-2	2,399	Tunks	Langley	Glen	Butler	Walsh	Meithen	Sheldon	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Grimm†	Lowe
Nov. 6	Orient	A	1-1	2,226	Tunks	Cribley	Glen	Butler	Walsh	Meithen	Sheldon	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Grimm†	Lowe
Nov. 13	MILLWALL	A	3-1	4,456	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Steel	Walsh	Meithen	Butler	Weston	Bradd	Houghton?	Grimm†	Sheldon
Nov. 21	TELFORD U (FA Cup 1st R)	H	0-0	4,805	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Butler	Cribley	Meithen	Sheldon	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Williams	Lowe
Nov. 23	Telford U (FA Cup 1st Rd Replay)	A	1-2	5,085	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Butler	Cribley	Meithen	Sheldon	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Williams	Lowe
Nov. 27	Gillingham	A	2-0	3,952	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Walsh	Meithen	Sheldon	Shaw	Butler	Lowe	Weston	Williams
Dec. 4	SHEFFIELD U.	H	3-2	5,015	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Walsh	Meithen	Butler	Shaw	Butler	Lowe	Weston	Williams
Dec. 18	OXFORD UNITED	H	0-1	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	O'Keefe	Walsh	Glen	Langley	Butler	Butler	Lowe	Weston	Bradd
Dec. 27	Wrexham	A	1-1	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Walsh	Meithen	Glen	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Bradd
Dec. 29	WALSALL	A	1-3	4,564	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Walsh	Meithen	Glen	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Bradd
1983																
Jan. 1	Preston NE	A														
Jan. 8	HUDDERSFIELD T	H	2-0	7,561	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Walsh	Meithen	Glen†	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Lowe
Jan. 15	Barnford	H	1-0	7,640	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Walsh	Meithen	Sheldon	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Lowe
Jan. 16	LINCOLN CITY	A	3-1	4,339	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Walsh	Meithen	Lowe	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Langley
Jan. 22	Bradford City	A	2-1	4,731	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Walsh	Meithen	Lowe	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Williams
Jan. 29	DONCASTER R	H	1-0	4,724	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Walsh	Meithen	Lowe	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Houghton
Feb. 5	CHESTERFIELD	H	0-3	4,387	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Walsh	Meithen	Lowe	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Houghton
Feb. 12	Plymouth Argyle	A	2-2	3,009	Tunks	McMahon†	Glen	Cribley	Walsh	Meithen	Houghton	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Lowe
Feb. 15	EXETER C	A	1-0	2,764	Tunks	McMahon	Glen	Cribley	Walsh	Meithen	Houghton	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Lowe
Feb. 18	Southern U	H	0-2	2,277	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Walsh	Meithen	Lowe	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Houghton
Feb. 26	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	0-5	3,286	Tunks	McMahon	Glen	Langley†	Walsh	Meithen	Lowe	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Houghton
Mar. 5	Portsmouth	A	0-0	16,139	Tunks	McMahon	Glen	Butler	Walsh	Meithen	Sheldon	Barrow	Lowe	Houghton	Weston	Langley

* Goal Score - Gatton (own goal)

THIRD DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

as at Sunday, 27th February, 1983.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	31	12	0	2	31	14	8	4	5	24	20	64
Cardiff City	32	12	2	1	31	11	7	3	7	28	32	62
Lincoln City	30	12	0	4	42	14	5	4	5	17	18	55
Huddersfield Town	31	10	5	0	41	12	5	4	7	18	24	54
Bristol Rovers	31	12	2	2	44	13	4	3	8	24	26	53
Newport County	31	9	6	2	32	16	6	2	6	23	22	53
Oxford United	29	6	7	0	25	14	7	1	8	21	21	47
Plymouth Argyle	30	11	1	3	26	15	3	4	8	19	31	47
Southend United	31	9	4	3	32	17	4	3	8	14	20	46
Bradford City	31	9	5	2	32	19	2	5	8	16	28	43
WIGAN ATHLETIC	31	9	1	7	28	26	4	2	8	20	27	42
Wrexham	31	9	4	3	27	12	1	7	7	12	32	41
Brentford	31	10	2	4	39	21	1	5	9	22	34	40
Gillingham	31	7	3	5	24	19	3	6	7	13	19	39
Reading	33	8	5	4	29	21	1	6	9	20	40	38
Sheffield United	28	9	3	3	27	14	1	4	8	9	24	37
Walsall	30	8	4	4	19	15	1	5	8	17	31	36
AFC Bournemouth	32	6	5	4	21	14	3	4	10	14	40	36
Exeter City	33	7	4	5	33	29	1	7	9	25	47	35
Orient	31	7	4	5	29	29	3	1	11	10	38	35
Chesterfield	31	6	3	6	23	16	2	6	8	13	26	33
Doncaster Rovers	31	5	8	2	34	27	2	1	13	11	34	30
Millwall	30	6	6	3	25	19	0	4	11	12	36	28
Preston North End	30	3	8	2	18	13	2	1	14	18	42	24

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Comments from the Chair



GOOD afternoon and a warm welcome to our visitors today from Reading, and especially to our good friends on their Board of Directors.

Sincere apologies are due for the 5-0 defeat last Saturday. For the first twenty minutes we were the better side, but once Bristol changed gear after their first goal they looked by far the superior team. I must say that, considering it was our worst ever home defeat, the crowd took it remarkably well and are to be applauded for their moderation.

The lads' tremendous performance at Portsmouth certainly went a long way to make up for last Saturday. The effort and commitment they showed was tremendous and appreciated.

The word "traumatic" is still being bandied about by various people regarding the recent events at the club. A so-called "showdown" was predicted when Larry Lloyd returned and the bulk of the inflammatory talk is coming from people who have nothing to do with the club. If the situation was not so serious it would be laughable, and I take this opportunity of letting you, our loyal supporters, know that the Manager and the Board are not at each others throats. Larry Lloyd is intelligent

enough to understand the Board's need to deal our way out of the financial difficulties we are in. I am pleased to note from the many letters of support I have received this week that our supporters realise it too. I very much appreciate such letters and it proves how sensible the people of Wigan really are. The problems of football are not confined to Springfield Park. The other three clubs promoted with us are suffering the same phenomenon of lower gates than last season, and all clubs, from the top to the bottom are suffering badly. And things are getting no better, especially at Lincoln where it is absolutely disgraceful to see a manager and his players ganging up on the club to try and force it to spend money it has not got. I find the situation there almost unbelievable.

Enjoy the game,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Freddie Pye".

Freddie Pye,

Chairman.



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**WIGAN
ATHLETIC**
(Royal Blue & White Stripe)

- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 John McMahon
- 3 David Glenn
- 4 John Butler
- 5 Steve Walsh
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 Kevin Sheldon
- 8 Graham Barrow
- 9 David Lowe
- 10 Peter Houghton
- 11 Jimmy Weston
- 12 Kevin Langley

TEAM CHECK

OFFICIALS

Referee:
MR. F. ROBERTS
(Prestatyn)

Started refereeing in Stockport in 1970. On moving to Wales in 1974 progressed to the Welsh League and Cheshire League to the Football League. Refereed North Wales Juniors v. Scotland Juniors — 1977. In 1979 officiated the Wales Youth v. Northern Ireland Youth game, lined European Cup matches in both 1980 and 1981.

A married man, with two children, he is headmaster of a primary school and his interests include squash, athletics, home wine making and gardening. He is a F.I.F.A. referee and a qualified Referees' Instructor with the Welsh F.A.

Linesmen:
(Red Flag) **Mr. P. Hindle**
(Blackburn)
(Yellow Flag) **Mr. J.W. Lloyd**
(Wrexham)

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READING
(All Yellow)

- 1 Alan Judge
- 2 Gary Donnellan
- 3 Steve Richardson
- 4 Stuart Beavon
- 5 Michael Barnes
- 6 Jerry Williams
- 7 Mick Doherty
- 8 Pat Earles
- 9 Ken Price
- 10 Brian Bason
- 11 Lawrie Sanchez
- 12 To be announced.

"HERE NEXT"
Tuesday 15th March 1983
WIGAN ATHLETIC v. WEST BROMWICH ALBION
Kick-off 7.30 p.m.
BOB WARD TESTIMONIAL GAME